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1. IMPACT FELFE TRIAL ON CHANCELLOR ATTITUDE TOWARD GEN GEHLEN DISCUSSED AT MEETING 15 JULY IN DEPARTMENT. PRESENT WERE MR. RICHARD DAVIS, EUR, MR. THOMAS HUGHES, INR, [ ] AND [ ]

2. GEHLEN ROLE IN PRESERVING WEST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE POTENTIAL AND CREATING POST WAR ORGANIZATION CANNOT BE UNDER-ESTIMATED NOR CAN HIS CONTRIBUTION BASED ON COMINT AND COVERT COLLECTION TO THE COVERAGE OF SOVIET BLOC MILITARY FORCES. KUBARK HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITIVE VIEW OF GEHLEN'S ABILITY IN THESE AREAS. IT HAS NOT ALWAYS AGREED WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH GEHLEN HAS HANDLED INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS.

3. KUBARK HAS NEVER SOUGHT TO AVOID ITS SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BND SECURITY. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE KUBARK LIAISON STAFF WORKING WITH BND HQS HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO SECURITY AND CE MATTERS. IT WAS A KUBARK OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION THAT IN FACT UNCOVERED FELFE CASE. HOWEVER, KUBARK NEVER ABLE TO IMPOSE U.S. SECURITY STANDARDS ON

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BND BY FIAT. FOR EXAMPLE, IT TOOK SEVERAL YEARS PERSUADE GEHLEN ADOPT LCFLUTTER AS BASIC TOOL IN PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS. THIS HE HAS NOW DONE ALTHOUGH HE IS ONLY AGENCY IN FEDREP TO DO SO AND ONLY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN WESTERN EUROPE. NOTE: BRITISH SERVICES DO NOT USE LCFLUTTER. NONETHELESS, HAD WE TRIED TO FORCE THIS AND SIMILAR ACTION SOONER GEHLEN WOULD HAVE HAD GLOBKE AND ADENAUER SUPPORT IN RESISTING THIS BECAUSE LATTER WOULD NOT HAVE RISKED HAVING THIS DEGREE OF AMERICAN CONTROL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

4. THE U.S. ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BND HAS BEEN REPORTED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ACCURACY IN GERMAN AND FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS MANY TIMES IN PAST. REPETITION OF SIMILAR STORIES WOULD NOT PROVE UNDULY EMBARRASSING. GIVEN NUMBER PEOPLE OCCUPYING POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN FEDREP WHO ARE FORMER MEMBERS BND, DOUBT IF THERE WILL BE PUBLIC ORGY OF DENUNCIATION OF GEHLEN OR BND WHICH WOULD GO BEYOND STORIES THAT HAVE ALREADY APPEARED. LIST OF FORMER BND MEMBERS INCLUDES: GENERALS HEUSINGER, SPEIDEL, FERBER (J-2, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE), RADKE (VICE PRESIDENT BfV), ETC.

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5. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ADENAUER IRRITATION WITH SITUATION WHICH NOW POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH FORMER COMPLETE RELIANCE ON GEHLEN. GROWING IRRITATION ADENAUER WITH GEHLEN MAY HARK BACK TO ADENAUER DISSATISFACTION IN WINTER 1961-62 WITH GEHLEN'S ESTIMATES SOVIET CAPABILITY IN CONVENTIONAL AND MISSILE ARMAMENTS. GEHLEN'S ESTIMATES PARALLELED THOSE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT, HENCE WERE FOR POLITICAL REASONS UNACCEPTABLE TO ADENAUER WHO THEN WAS ANXIOUS TO MAGNIFY EXTENT OF SOVIET THREAT TO WEST.

6. IN SUM KUBARK VIEWS OF GEHLEN AS AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER HAVE NOT CHANGED NOR HAS ITS POSITION ON THE WEAKNESSES IN BND'S SECURITY PROCEDURES. BECAUSE OF KUBARK INSISTENCE AND AS A RESULT OF FELFE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST (WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NOVEMBER 1961) MANY NEW PROCEDURES KUBARK RECOMMENDED HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED ALTHOUGH SITUATION FAR FROM PERFECT. FINALLY, IF FEDREP AUTHORITIES, AFTER MORE BALANCED VIEW OF PROBLEM THAN POSSIBLE UNDER EMOTIONAL VIEWS PROMPTED BY FELFE CASE HEADLINES, DECIDE INVESTIGATE BND OR APPOINT NEW BND PRESIDENT DO NOT BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD INTERVENE.

7. IN LIGHT ABOVE DO NOT CONSIDER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH

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CHANCELLOR OF THIS ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL GERMAN PROBLEM WOULD SERVE  
USEFUL PURPOSE. IF CHANCELLOR RAISES MATTER AGAIN AT HIS INITIATIVE  
SUGGEST YOU INDICATE KUBARK VIEWS ON GEHLEN ABILITIES AND CONTRIBUTION  
WESTERN INTELL EFFORT HAVE NOT CHANGED.

8. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH THIS APPRAISAL.

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